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1. People's Boards. For organizational chart of People's Boards, see Enclosure A7. I do not know which governmental body supervises the People's Boards, ~~now~~ do I know how many regions exist in the RPR. I do know the Boards in the Bucharest region, however. I believe that the FMR Party supervises the People's Boards, but how, and through what channels, I do not know. Every People's Board, including the Central Bucharest City People's Board, has the following sections:
- a. Agricola (agriculture)
 - b. Spatio Locativ - the housing office, formerly called 'Oficiul de Inchirieri'.
 - c. Cartele (ration cards)
 - d. Personal (personal)
 - e. Stare Civila (civil status); this office issues various documents, such as birth and death certificates, etc.
 - f. Sanitara (sanitation)
 - g. Economica (economic); this section has its own inspectors, in civilian clothes, and economic police.
 - h. Financiara (financial); this section is the only one which has separate buildings or premises, (from the Central and sub People's Boards); there are also other sub-city-sector Financial Sections, which are responsible to the main city-sector Financial Section. This section handles all income taxes.
 - i. Administrava (administration)
 - j. Comerciala (commercial), supervising private shops, and authorizing private business activity.
 - k. Industria Locala (Local industry), supervising activities of private businesses, (small trades people).
 - l. Cadre (personnel)
 - m. Pensii (pensions)
 - n. Trusturi (trusts). This section controlled the I.C.S., State Stores and State Commercial Enterprises.
 - o. Culturala (cultural)
 - p. Educatie Fizica si Sport (physical education and sports)

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- q. Propaganda.
 - r. Comunala (communal); this section deals with taxation, water, electric power, etc.
 - s. Sociala (social); this section also supervises the 'Bratele de munca' (employment office).
- I remember the following people in the City Central People's Board:
 Niculae Doncea, a General in the RPR Armed Forces, is the President of the Bucharest City Central People's Board.

(fnu) Levi is Director of the Commerce Section of the Bucharest City Central People's Board. He is 45 years old, medium height, blue eyes, bald, of Jewish origin, comes from Bacau (Moldavia region), member of the PMR Party. By profession he was, formerly, an ambulant street seller. He is hated by all the remaining private shop owners.

2. "MAI (Ministry for Internal Affairs) and Militia. [For organization of MAI, see Enclosure B/. During the fall of 1953, the Wilson Building was evacuated and re-occupied by the newly established Directia Metroului Bucuresti (Bucharest City Underground Directorate). The project of this underground failed, however, and the offices were closed. The building was then occupied by the MAI. (The DGM, General Directorate of the Militia, occupies two buildings on Victoriei Street: the Cretulescu Building which is in line with the former Royal Palace, now the Republic's Palace - near the Cretulescu Orthodox Church - , and the Dragomir Niculescu Building, formerly the Dragomir Niculescu Food Commodities Shop, which is now called the Romarta Store [sic]). The entire area around the Republic's Palace is the fortress of the Communist Government. On Boteanu Street are the MAI Ministry, the Wilson Building, another unknown Directorate of the MAI Ministry, and the MSS Ministry (located on N. Balcescu Boulevard - formerly Bratianu Boulevard). The last occupies the former Ministry of Air space.
3. "Nowadays pedestrians and vehicles are permitted free access to Boteanu Street. This was not permitted in 1952 and the spring of 1953.
4. "The main DGCS (Directia Generala Controlul Strainilor - General Directorate for the Control of Foreigners) Office, located in the Prefecture Palace (formerly the Prefectura Politiei) on Victoriei Street, together with the CMOB (Comandamentul Militiei Orasului Bucuresti - Headquarters of the Militia of Bucharest) Office, supervises the DGCS Office on Nicolae Filipescu Street. I am certain of this, because when I departed from the RPR and went to pick up my visa and passport from the DGCS located on Nicolae Filipescu Street, that office had to send to the DGCS Office in the Prefecture Palace for my case file. Normally, no foreigner has anything to do with the DGCS on Nicolae Filipescu Street, or with the one in the Prefecture Palace. All formalities are taken care of by the City Sector Circa Militie Office for the Control of Foreigners.
5. "The Circa de Militie P.O. (Guard and Order Militia): this organization, located on Spitalul Unirii Street, between Danariei and Sulter Streets, had various sections [indicated on Enclosure B/], the P.O. sub-section dealing with order, the judiciary one with thefts, etc. The Militia Office personnel, including the chiefs of the various sub-sections, numbered approximately 12 - 14 persons, all of whom belonged to the MAI. Some of them were uniformed, others wore their civilian clothes. There were some women in the Militia; some of these wore uniforms. Normally a Captain, a II-nd [2nd Lieutenant?], or even a Lieutenant was in charge of the Circa. Chiefs of the sub-sections were either Lieutenants (Sublocotenent), or Sergeant Majors (Plutonium Major). The total personnel, in numbers, cannot be estimated, since besides the office personnel, militia men, on duty on the streets, supervised by the city-sub-sector militia who were in charge, taking care of traffic, etc., should be included; and I do not know how many of these existed.
6. "Interesting is the fact that in the same city-sector Militia where the Office for the Control of Foreigners existed, there was an MSS office. (There was always one Office for the Control of Foreigners in each city-sector Militia). There was, of course, no inscription on the door, but I was told that this MSS (sub-) office was there, by a member of the Militia itself. This was a man whom I used to bribe ('Un ga') by giving him, from time to time, 100 Lei. Every Office for the Control of Foreigners had a so-called 'Cercetari pe teren' (ground investigations) section. This section was in charge of collecting all kinds of information, especially when a person was applying for an exit visa from the RPR.

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Following are the Militia personnel

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Gheorghe Hancu, Sergeant Major of the Militia; position: Chief, Office for the Control of Foreigners of the Circa Militie located at #50 Calea Serban Voda. He is 26 or 27 years old, green eyes, blond hair, 172 cm. tall. He comes from the Transylvania region. He is a good man, and is approachable with money. He is married.

Ion Corban, Sergeant of the Militia; position: in charge of the investigations for the Office for the Control of Foreigners of the Circa Militie, #50 Calea Serban Voda. He is 22 years old, black hair, black eyes, married.

(fnu) Barsan, Captain in the Militia; position: Chief of the Circulatie (Traffic Control) Section of the Circa Militie located on Gheorghe Cosbuc Boulevard. He is 29 or 30 years old, medium height, blond hair, blue eyes, red face.

(fnu) Radu, Major in the Militia; position: Commandant Adjunct CMOB (II-nd in Command of the CMOB), aged 36, 172 cm. tall, blond hair, dark green eyes. He comes from the capital, is married, and usually wears civilian clothes.

Militia personnel are usually well-mannered with foreigners. There have been cases of people being tortured or beaten by the Militia, however.

7. MSS Ministry. This Ministry is located, as stated above, in the former Air Ministry on N. Balcescu Boulevard, near the former Singer Sewing Machine Store. The MSS has a khaki uniform, the same as that of the Militia, except for the ribbon around the cap, which is blue for the MSS and red for the Militia or MAI. I think that the Fire-brigades are dependent upon the MSS. On duty (at a fire), the Fire-brigade personnel have the same uniform as members of the RPR Armed Forces. They wear helmets, and are armed in the same way as soldiers of the RPR are armed.

Following are addresses of the MSS garages:

- on Plevnei Street
- on Vasile Conta Street
- near the Republicei Cinema (formerly Scala), occupying the ex-Ciclop garage, on N. Balcescu Boulevard
- on 1 Mai Boulevard (formerly Filantropiei Boulevard) opposite the Main Drug Store (Depozitul Sanitar Central)
- on Radu Voda Street, between Căminul and Oficiilor Streets
- on Serban Voda Street, at the Street Car Stations numbers 12 and 17 (called Statia Cutitul de Argint).

The 3rd Blue Municipality Building, at the corner of Rahovei and Sf. Apostoli streets, opposite the Lyceum 'Mihail Eminescu', was changed into an MSS temporary detention prison (for cases under investigation).

The 2nd Black Municipality Building, at the corner of Sf. Vineri Orthodox Church on Calarasi Street, is now a Judecatoria de Pace - Raion T. Vla-

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dimirescu (Peace Court, T. Vladimirescu Sector). Thus have the former municipality buildings been transformed under the new regime.

8. "Issuance of new ID Cards to Foreigners: During October 1953, the Office for the Control of Foreigners (of the city sub-sectors Militia), began to withdraw the old 'Adeverinta' and replace it with a new 'Carnet de Identitate Pentru Cetateni Straini' (Identification Card for Foreign Citizens). My memory of the details of the new card is poor. It measures about 10 by 7 cm.; the cover sheet is red-brown cardboard inscribed with gold letters as follows: 'Carnet de Identitate Pentru Cetateni Straini'. All inside pages, approximately 10 to 15, were green, and had a filigree [water-mark?] all over them - the PMR inscription. We presume this means that PMR was the water-mark which ran all over the page. On the first page, inside the ID card, was 'MAI-DCGS' in black printed letters, then the picture of the holder (new size, having a blank right corner for the affixing of the pressed stamp), his name and surname, address and all personal data. All the remaining pages were divided into two parts, and were used for visas [text reads: "the affixing of visas"], when permitted. Visas were issued with special authorization, following written application, and allowed one to go out of the Bucharest region, [text reads: "to go out the Bucharest region outskirts"]. The last page contained certain regulations governing the use of the card.

With the issue of the new ID cards for foreigners, the following taxation fees were applied:

- Lei 150 for all foreigners who were not in the field of labor, and for 'comercianti' (private business men).
- Lei 50 for all foreigners who were in the field of labor.

One's passport remains in possession of the Office for the Control of Foreigners. The new ID card replaces the old Adeverinta, has one year validity, and is the sole identification card granted to a foreigner.

Among the personal belongings [] forbidden to take [] rings, except [] wedding ring; (no other silver or gold items, except one nickel wrist watch); electrical appliances (radio - iron -); typewriters; carpets; crystal goods; paintings. Pictures of one's own family could be taken - up to 20 per person. Working tools (of a tailor, shoemaker, etc.) could only be taken out of the country if the applicant could produce a certificate proving his professional capacities warranted the taking of his tools with him. []

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ENCLOSURE A

ORGANIZATION OF PEOPLE'S BOARDS - BUCHAREST.

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STATUL POPULAR CENTRAL AL CAPITAL
The Central People's Board of the Capital
Address: Blv. Republicii (formerly Blv. Carol),
opposite the University

STATUL POPULAR - RAION NICOLAE BALCESCU
Address: Splaiul Independentei, between
Donatului Square and Mihai Voda Bridge
on the Dambovitza River; occupies the for-
mer Finance Administration Offices of the
3rd Blue Municipality.

STATUL POPULAR - RAION STALIN
Location unknown

STATUL POPULAR - RAION TUDOR VLADIMIRESCU
Address: Parfumului Street, in the Hala Traian
City Sector; occupies the premises of a newly
constructed four-storey building, finished in
1952

STATUL POPULAR - RAION 1 MAI
Address: Amzei Square, over the 'Teatrul Na-
tional - Studio' (National Theater Studio),
in the former 1st Yellow Municipality Building

STATUL POPULAR - RAION GRIVITA ROSIE
Address: Donu Menta Street; occupies the premises
of the former 4th Green Municipality

STATUL POPULAR - RAION 23 AUGUST
Address: Blv. Dimitroff (formerly Blv. Ferdinand),
a building on the right hand side towards [facing]
Mihai Bravu **

STATUL POPULAR - GH. GHEORGHIU-DEJ
Address: Cobalcescu Street, at the corner of
11 Februarie Street; occupies premises once used
by the Egyptian Legation

STATUL POPULAR - RAION LENIN
Address unknown

STATUL POPULAR - SECTIA FINANCIARA-
RAION N. BALCESCU. (Financial Section
of People's Board. Address: Strada
Poenaru Bordea, near Apoloder St.

STATUL POPULAR - SECTIA FINANCIARA-
RAION STALIN. Address unknown

STATUL POPULAR - SECTIA FINANCIARA-
RAION T. VLADIMIRESCU. Address: Neg-
ru Voda Street, near the Morgue.

STATUL POPULAR - SECTIA FINANCIARA-
RAION 1 MAI; Address: Rome Street,
in Vulpache Park (formerly Bonaparte
Park)

STATUL POPULAR - SECTIA FINANCIARA-
RAION GRIVITA ROSIE. Address: Gen.
Vladocianu Street (new name unknown),
occupies the 4th Green Finance Admin-
istration Office

STATUL POPULAR - SECTIA FINANCIARA-
RAION 23 AUGUST. Address: occupies
building opposite People's Board, e
on Blv. Dimitroff

STATUL POPULAR - SECTIA FINANCIARA-
RAION GH. GHEORGHIU-DEJ. Address: Pope
Tatu Street, corner of Gen. Berth-
elot Street

STATUL POPULAR - SECTIA FINANCIARA-
Address unknown - RAION LENIN

Remarks: STATUL POPULAR -- People's Board

RAION -- City Sector

SECTIA FINANCIARA -- Financial Section

** occupying the premises of the former Finance Administration Offices, 2nd Black Mun.

There are eight City Sector People's Boards in Bucharest. These City Sector Boards
were subordinate to the Central People's Board of the Capital. Each City Sector Peo-
ple's Board has a Financial Section, as well as sub-sections called Circa Financiera.
The number of these in a City Sector is unknown to me, but it was dependent on the
size of the sector.

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ENCLOSURE B

ORGANIZATION OF THE MAI MINISTRY

MINISTERUL AFACERILOR INTERNE
(MAI - Ministry for Internal Affairs); Address: Boteanu Street
between Aristide Briand (ex Regala) and Wilson Streets

DGM

CMOB

DGCS

*DGCS

DIRECTIA MILITIEI RAIONULUI N. BALCESCU
Address: Strada Antim #9, (no numbers /sic/)

*CIRCA MILITIE ; Address: Strada Miton,
near the Rond Square (formerly Regina Maria
Square); this is the Centrala Circulatiei -
Traffic Control Section, of the main City
Sector Offices

Circa Nos.
Unknown

*CIRCA MILITIE ; Address: Calea Serban Voda,
No. 50; this is the Office for the Control
of Foreigners, and Security (MSS)

*CIRCA MILITIE , PAZA SI ORDINE: Address:
Gheorghe Cosbuc Street.

*CIRCA DE MILITIE : P.O.

- NOTE: MAI -- Ministry for Internal Affairs
GM -- Directia Generala a Militiei (General Directorate of the Militia),
Victoriei Street
CMOB-- Comandamentul Militiei Orasului Bucuresti (Headquarters of the Militia of Bucharest); Victoriei Street, Prefecture Palace
DGCS-- Directia Generala Controlul Strainilor (General Directorate for the Control of Foreigners); Nicolae Filipescu Street, in the former Bucharest City Municipality. (The exact address is #23/25 Nic. Fil. St.)
*DGCS-- same as above, located in the Prefecture Palace, with the CMOB. Receives orders from the above DGCS
DIRECTIA MILITIEI - Directorate of the Militia
P. O.- Paza si Ordine (Guard and Order)
---- existing in any /every/ City Sector
---- one in each raion
..... more than one in any raion

A Directia Militiei exists in any raion which supervises three main sub-sections, called Circa de Militie, for Traffic Control, Control of Foreigners, and Guard and Order. There was only one Office for the Control of Foreigners (which had a Security Office with it), but the Circa de Militie P.O. existed throughout the City Sectors, their number depending upon the number of streets supervised. Each Guard and Order Militia had the following sections: supply, traffic control, P.O., economic, personnel, judiciary.

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